

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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UNCLAS PRETORIA 3045

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV, PINT, RH

SUBJECT:, RHODESIA: SMITH SAYS HE WILL QUIT

1. PRIME MINISTER SMITH ARRIVED IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR " A SHORT HOLIDAY" ON MAY 25. HE REPORTEDLY CALLED ON VORSTER THAT EVENING. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE MORNING OF MAY 26, SMITH IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE OUT OF POLITICS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. HE SAID HE WOULD NOT STAND FOR PARLIAMENT IN THE ELECTION TO BE

HELD, BY THE TERMS OF THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT, BY DECEMBER 31. SMITH WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, " I HAVE BEEN A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE, LET'S NOT BEAT ABOUT THE BUSH. MY WITHDRAWAL MIGHT HAVE A REASSURING EFFECT ON ALL RHODESIANS." SMITH REPORTEDLY ADDED  
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THAT THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS BEING VIEWED MORE FAVORABLY FROM ABROAD, INCLUDING BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

2. A FULLER REPORT ON THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE.  
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